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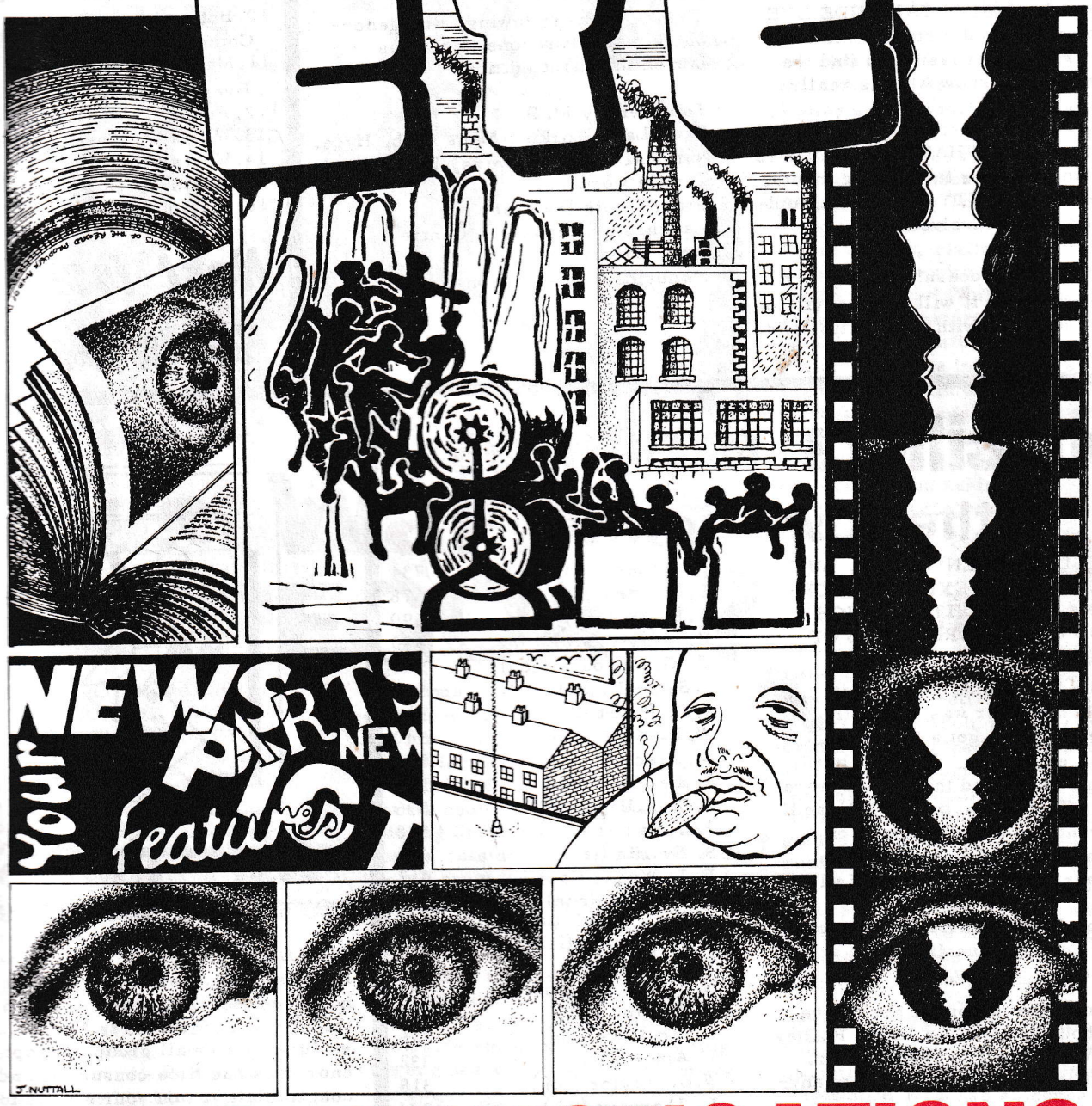

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15p.

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TAMESIDE EYE is something new : an independent, non profit-making mag-azine that aims to be bright, entertain-ing and hard-hitting.

News and features in TAMESIDE EYE will go behind public statements on controversial local issues to find the facts and let you know what is really going on.

Then there's the WHAT'S ON GUIDE to entertainments for the coming month, and the COMMUNITY PAGE for people who want to get involved.

TAMESIDE EYE doesn't employ any full time workers so it will rely heavily on YOU to supply it with information and ideas.

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councillors expenses
(the low-down)

COUNCILLORS AREN'T PAID, BUT THEY CAN CLAIM EXPENSES FOR LEGITIMATE ACTIVITIES WHICH CAN ADD UP TO LARGE SUMS OF MONEY.

Top of the big-claimers league in Tameside last year was Tory Cllr. Jack Fletcher who got a massive £1,336 in expenses. Fighting hard for second place and third place were two other Tories: L. Bell (£972) and Colin Grantham (£952). Hard on Colin's heels was Geoffrey Hayden, yet another Tory, who made off with £804.
Ex-Mayor Percy Travis was the top-claiming Labour councillor with a mere £580!

Way down at the bottom of the league came Labour councillors Frank Ruffley and Bill Wilkinson and ex-Tory cllr. Donald Thorpe - they didn't claim anything.
Any Tameside elector can inspect their councillors expenses at the Finance Dept. behind Ashton town hall. But, to save you the trouble TAMESIDE EYE has prepared a league table of all Tameside councillors expenses for 1977/8.

	£
J. Fletcher (con)	1,336
L. Bell (con)	972
C. Grantham (con)	952
P.G. Hayden (con)	804
M. Newsome (con)	788
H. Hunt (con)	766
S. Parker (con)	762
R. Abbey (con)	734
E. Hall (con)	678
A. Fearn (con)	590
P. Travis (lab)	580
P. Greenhough (con)	560
J.S. Bell (con)	548
J.B. Pettit (lab)	546
W.R. Kirk (con)	540
M. Tracey (con)	543
J. Devaney (lab)	536
J.D. Lilley (con)	536
J.I. Lomas (con)	518
S. Swiffin (lab)	474
P.J. Warne (lab)	462
H. Taylor (con)	420
R.H.P. Smith (lab)	416
S.R. Oldham (lab)	408
J. Radley (lab)	406
E.A. Barber (con)	386
G. Newton (lab)	378
F. Adshead (con)	376
J. Amor (con)	332
W.E. Taylor (con)	318
J. Thornley (lab)	316
C.A. Meredith (lab)	316
R.A. Foster (lab)	278
T. Stellfox (con)	260
J. Keighley (con)	234
R. Pegg (con)	222
J.D. Webb (lab)	218
P. Macaneney (lab)	198
J.O. Hales (lab)	196
J.G. Brierley (lab)	176
W. Jones (con)	118
G. James (lab)	114
E.C. Clarke (con)	16
F. Ruffley (lab)	0
W.D. Wilkinson (lab)	0
D. Thorpe (con)	0

Dear Editor,
I am delighted that Tameside Eye has now seen the light of day. I realise that the work involved in such a venture by a small group of people is enormous and time-consuming and I congratulate you on your efforts for, in Tameside, we are very much in need of an alternative paper supported by the community.
I feel sure that Tameside's M.P.'s as well as many other public figures, will receive critical attention in future issues and so long as the criticisms are constructive they should prove worthwhile. Such is the function of alternative papers.

Good luck.

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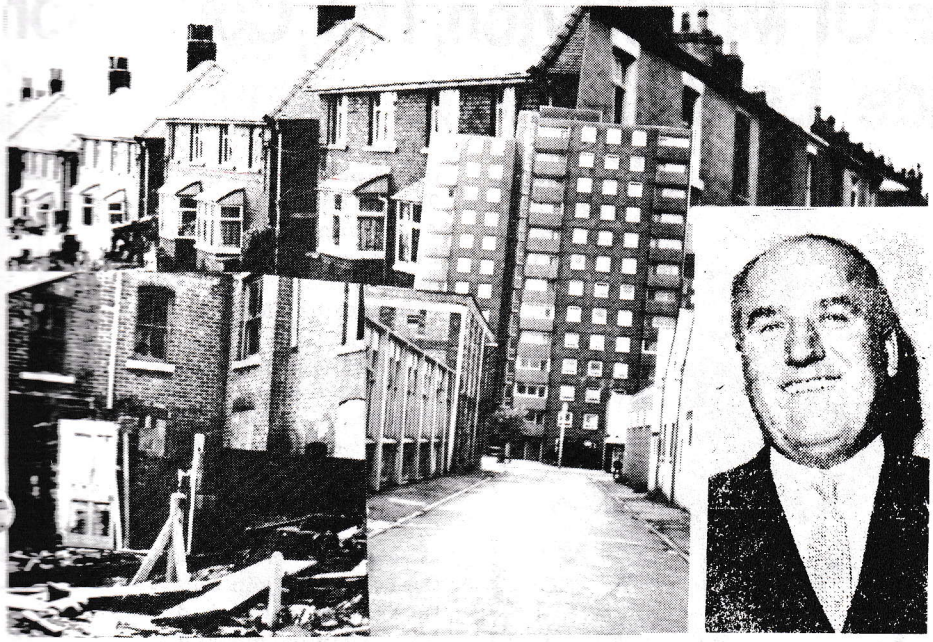
NEWS



Was Walsh a SCAPEGOAT?

IN JULY, NORMAN WALSH, THE 52 YEAR OLD BOSS OF TAMESIDE'S BUILDING SERVICES DEPT. "RESIGNED" AMID A STORM OF CONTROVERSY. CLAIMS HAVE BEEN MADE THAT WALSH WAS A SCAPEGOAT FOR THE FAILURE OF POLICIES HE WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR. AN EYE INVESTIGATION.

The Building Services Dept. had been under pressure all year.
Tameside council estates were falling apart at the seams with a backlog of repairs that went back, in some cases, as far as three years.
Tenants were angry
In March Ashton M.P. Robert Sheldon hit the headlines by publicly accusing the Building Services Dept. of turning council estates into 'slums' through neglect.

crisis

Matters came to a head in June when Mrs. Judith Clayton, an Ashton council tenant called a public meeting to publicise a means she had discovered of forcing Tameside to pay for council house repairs.
Mrs. Clayton claimed that, under section 33 of the 1961 Housing Act, tenants could legally by-pass Building Services, get their repairs done by outside contractors and dock the bill from their rents.

This was a threat that reached further than Norman Walsh's harrassed dept. For, the simple fact was that Walsh had neither the men nor the money to do outstanding repairs. Behind the inadequacies of council repairs in Tameside stood the public spending cuts engineered by the Boroughs top Tories.

swift

Tameside's reaction was swift.
Council officers were officially barred from Mrs. Clayton's meetings.
Tenants were warned that her advice was 'foolhardy' and Norman Walsh 'retired.'

last minute

Walsh's 'retirement' was added to the agenda of Tameside's powerful Policy and Resources Committee at the last minute by Tory leader Colin Grantham. The meeting was held behind closed doors.
At this meeting Tory councillors, backed by Tameside's Chief Executive, David Spears, claimed that the resignation was 'a-political and purely on health grounds' (Walsh had suffered a heart attack the previous Christmas). A claim made rather dubious by Walsh's curious insistence at the meeting that he would only agree to resign on 'health grounds' if both parties backed him. The matter went to full council. Here the Labour group did not back Walsh asking for 'medical evidence' but the resignation went through.

'retirement'

Council informants argue that Walsh was forced to 'retire' because an outright sacking would not only invite criticism from the Labour groups but also (more damagingly) from Walsh himself. A mutually acceptable 'retirement' (with Walsh getting a golden handshake of £13,000) would rock the boat least whilst still implying that Walsh had gone because of the failures of his dept. As it was, Walsh did not go before he had publicly stated that his advice on building services 'problems' had been ignored.

Officially, Walsh's resignation was 'consequent upon changes in the council's requirements.' In fact, TAMESIDE EYE has evidence that Walsh's resignation had been planned at least a month before it happened.
In early June the Deputy Leader of the Tameside Tory party, Cllr. Alan Fearn was stating privately that there was going to be a bit of a 'shift round.' at Building Services.
The only 'shift round,' that has come to our notice in the past months has been the resignation of Norman Walsh.

NEWS

The Curious Case Of Mrs. Clayton, The Councillor And The Tameside Establishment.

A VIGOROUS AND OUTSPOKEN CAMPAIGN BY A TAMESIDE COUNCIL TENANT HAS PROVOKED A CURIOUS REACTION FROM THE TAMESIDE ESTABLISHMENT.

The campaign, run by Mrs. Judith Clayton, an Ashton Council tenant spotlighted the run-down state of Tameside's council estates and publicised the rights of council tenants to get overdue repairs done by outside contractors and dock the bill from their rent (see pg. 3-'was Walsh sacked').
The reaction of the Tameside establishment to Mrs. Clayton's campaign was swift, and curious.

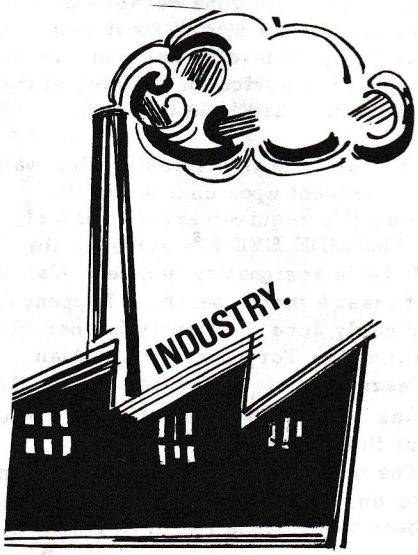
Officials barred

*Council officials were barred from attending Mrs. Clayton's 4th July meeting at Ashton Town Hall, though local government big-wigs from as far afield as Leeds had expressed interest in it.
*The "Reporter" newspaper did not 'report' Mrs. Clayton's claim that tenants could legally bill Tameside for necessary repairs until three weeks after she had made the claim at the Town Hall.
*The Ashton edition of the "Reporter" gave obligingly big headlines to a Council warning that Mrs. Clayton's 'advice' was 'foolhardy' but

neglected to mention that this same 'advice' had the expert backing of a well-qualified Manchester lawyer and a legal precedent in the case of Lee Parker-v-Izzet (1971).
*Three weeks before the well-publicised town hall meeting took place a number of long overdue repairs at Mrs. Clayton's council house began to receive attention. Tiles that had been reported loose for eight months were replaced. An Architect was sent round to measure her home for £7,000 worth of improvements. She had been expecting him for almost a year.
*Then she received a visit from the Deputy Leader of the Tameside Tory party, Councillor Alan Fearn. According to Mrs. Clayton Cllr. Fearn suggested that she join his party and offered to personally nominate her for the council if she did.

Asked to comment on the attitude of the Conservative party to Mrs. Clayton, Councillor Fearn stated that 'no-one went out of their way to recruit Mrs. Clayton.' On being reminded of his own visit to Mrs. Clayton he admitted that he had suggested Mrs. Clayton 'come out of the cold' and join the Conservatives. He agreed that he had said that if Mrs. Clayton did join the Conservatives he 'would have been happy' to nominate her for the council. Mrs. Clayton refused.

DESPITE A RECENT HEART ATTACK MRS. CLAYTON HAS NOT STOPPED CAMPAIGNING. HER EFFORTS HAVE ALREADY PRODUCED A FEDERATION OF TAMESIDE TENANTS ASSOCIATIONS DEDICATED TO GETTING A BETTER DEAL FOR TENANTS. SHE IS NOW PLANNING TO TAKE A TEST CASE TO COURT TO TEST PROVE FINALLY THAT TENANTS HAVE A RIGHT TO GET NECESSARY REPAIRS DONE, BY AN OUTSIDE CONTRACTOR IF NECESSARY.



Tameside will burn

Stalybridge and Hyde Fire Stations are at present two-pump stations;- to achieve the 42hr. week (from 48 hours) G M C propose to reduce each station to one pump. Local firemen say this will add a minimum of 4 mins. travelling time on call-out The firemen cannot estimate what this will mean in cases of multiple fires or a really big fire. Tameside Eye can only suppose that the effects of this cut back in a vital service will be measured by the deaths of Tameside citizens - not to mention extra damage to property. Our source of information is the firemen themselves - there is 'no comment' from the G M C Fire Service because nothing has yet been decided.

Ritz strike

A dictatorial Production Manager's plans to cut time rates for blouse machinists at Ritz Manufacturing Co. in Glossop resulted in a strike not only at Ritz but at the sister company Lux Lux in early September. The Lux Lux Union's decision to support the Ritz strike flew in the face of long established Management 'divide and rule' tactics and resulted in immediate re-instatement of the original time rates.

NEWS

Watch out! Theres a mormon coming!

MORMONISM ISN'T ALL CREW-CUTS AND CHEESY SMILES, AS ONE ASHTON COUPLE FOUND OUT.

Most people identify Mormonism with those well-groomed, well-spoken, well-dressed young men who come door to door selling their religion with American accents. But, for at least one couple their toothy visits resulted in marital breakdown.

Baptism

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. Brown had no religious beliefs until two Mormons came one day selling their religious wares and were invited into the family home. They stayed fifteen minutes and sensing that they were possibly getting through to Mrs. Maggie Brown they came back about a week later. Back they came again, and again, until they convinced her to visit the church on Patterdale Rd., Ashton. Her husband Dave argued against their beliefs but did not interfere with his wife's interests.

Eventually, Maggie was baptised a Mormon (by total immersion in a huge font or bath set in the church floor) and Dave even accepted an invitation to witness the event. It was only later that he realised it was going to be very difficult living a family life with a wife who was practising Mormonism.

Coffee, tea, alcohol and tobacco are all banned for consumption by Mormons. Sunday is given over to the work of the Church - morning and evening church services and no work of any sort to be performed. One Sunday in the month the local Mormon churches do not open and the faithful have to practise an all day fast and visit, if possible, their nearest Temple - in the case of Tamesiders this is the Temple in Wythenshawe in Manchester.

Mormons are tithed by their Church. This means they must sacrifice a tenth of their income each week to the church. Apparently, even on social security a tenth of the benefit must go to the church. If you don't cough up you get a great deal of ear-ache.

Excommunication

Illicit tea drinking and tippling may result in automatic excommunication from the church both on earth and in paradise

Under this harsh regime the Browns went from bad to worse until Maggie sought a separation order from the Magistrates court. After this it was a small step to an eviction order and Dave was out on his heels! Lesson? If you value your coffee and your home life - if there's a Mormon about, keep him out.

N.B. Names have been changed to protect the identity of the people involved.

Key to the bog

Did you know that until Tameside Claimants Union took a hand in the matter, claimants at the S.S. offices in Ashton had to approach the custodian of the lavatory key in front of all the other waiting interviewees if they wanted a pee? The D.H.S.S. claimed this procedure was necessary to prevent terrorists planting explosive devices in the W.C. and to prevent the possibilities of sex attacks.'

BOLLARDS TO YOU !

LEES RD/ST CHRISTOPHER'S AVE.

Parents on the St. Albans estate off Lees Rd. have been worried recently by the number of youths who were using their narrow pathways as a drag-strip for their motorbikes.

So, they got local councollor Glyn Ford to pressure Tameside into putting up some kind of barrier at either end of the offending passageways. Unfortunately, it seems that the limited amount of money available for barrier-building this year has already been spent.

EYE enquiries revealed that half of this money went on building no less than 11 bollards (see photo) in a tiny passage linking Lees Rd. with St. Christopher's Ave. This passage, not a particularly busy one at the best of times, is right next to the home of L. Bell, who was the Conservative Councillor for the area until May, when he was ousted by Ford.

~IN COUNCIL~

A REGULAR REPORT ON THE SAYINGS AND DOINGS OF TAMESIDE COUNCIL FOLK, INCLUDING A REPORT ON THE LAST FULL COUNCIL MEETING WHICH TOUCHED ON SUCH BURNING ISSUES AS.....

Maladjustment, Mottram Hall And The Mayors Member.

After a brief but lively little debate on whether Nazis should be allowed to play football on municipal pitches, tempers and hackles rose over whether or not a home for maladjusted kids should be situated in a desirable area of Werneth, Hyde

Alan Fearn, the prospective Tory Parliamentary candidate for Ashton treated us to such a piece of parliamentary rhetoric as hasn't been seen in council since the last time he did it. Alan's conscience, it seemed, was all in tatters over the relative claims of the residents of Werneth and maladjusted children But the consciences of his colleagues Reed and Bell were certainly not. They were not having any of these deprived youths kicking deprived footballs over their constituents walls! Ernie Reed did, touchingly, appeal to the assembly to imagine what it might do to those poor impoverished youngsters if they happen to see a resident's Rolls passing by!
Work experience did nothing to untwist the assembly's collective knickers. An insurance agent had objected to Trade Union involvement in the scheme. Councillor Reed (Con) thinking that Cllr. Oldham's (Lab) aside to the effect that Insurance Agents were 'pilfering snivvelers' was somehow aimed at himself (he being an insurance agent) felt called upon to draw attention to the well-known fact that 'without insurance this country would be in the red.

But, the interesting business of the evening came up after Councillor Meredith (Lab) had wondered whether Vivian (spend, spend, spend) Nicholson should be allowed on the stage of the Tameside Theatre to tell the eager audience all the intimate details of her sex life. Councillor Mrs. because at least she spent her own money and not other people's like Jim Callaghan and Dennis Healey!
Then, it was Mottram Hall time again.
Tameside have been giving money to its millionaire owner Derek Hartle to do it up. Charlie Meredith (Lab) - poor man-made an obscure remark about 'the method used to obtain Mottram Hall'. This, for some reason, made Tory leader Colin Grantham furious and caused him to wave a piece of paper at poor Ernie who, subjected to the full force of Colin's horrific growlings could only appeal to Mayor Peter Greenhough to 'keep his member in order' whereupon Peter tried hard, but did not succeed.
Mayor Greenhoughs member is not a thing your correspondent would like to confront in a dim alley on a dark night, especially if he had just said something obscure about Mottram Hall.

n.f. leaflets

Before the last local government elections in May, Tameside Labour party had thousands of anti N.F. leaflets printed for distribution

in the contested wards. The only candidate who refused to allow these leaflets to be distributed was ex-Mayor and ex-Labour leader, Percy Travis. Percy's reason for not joining the fight against racism and fascism was that it might effect his vote

left out

Glad to hear that Labour Councillor and part time music teacher Silvia Swiffin is keeping a close watch on the reds lurking beneath our local beds. Sylvia was one of the

ago for removing the 'Morning Star' and other vicious left-wing publications from our category 2 public libraries. Now just recently, faced with an attempt by her own labour group to have this evil rag put back on our library racks our Sylvia was forced to waffle on for 15 minutes until another Tory arrived to give her enough votes to block her own parties move-nice one Sylvia.

head count

A head-count of Tameside council committees is interesting.
There are 15 councillors on all committees with the exception of Policy and Resources (19) and Education (29.) Since Labour's success in the May elections the Tories - gentlemen that they are - have reduced their majorities on all council committees to a mere one, with the noticeable exceptions - once again - of Policy and Resources (Maj:3) and Education (Maj:9).
Now, what's so special about these two Committees ?
Well, you see the Policy and Resources committee is by far the most powerful council body and the Education committee is, as everyone knows, the Tory banner-carrier against the monstrous threat of comprehensive education. It seems that the Tories have no intention of risking their control over these two committees by adjusting the political balance in them to reflect the wishes of the voters as expressed in the May elections. Democracy can go too far old boy, now can't it!

politics is hard

At the last but one full council meeing veteran Mossley Councillor Harry Hunt was exhibiting signs of considerable discomfort which eventually erupted in a request to the chair that he be allowed to leave for a wee-wee. But, Harry was brutally prevented by fellow Tory John Bell who insisted that he stay 'till an important vote was taken. TAMESIDE EYE is considering reporting this matter to our local branch of Age Concern.

guillotine

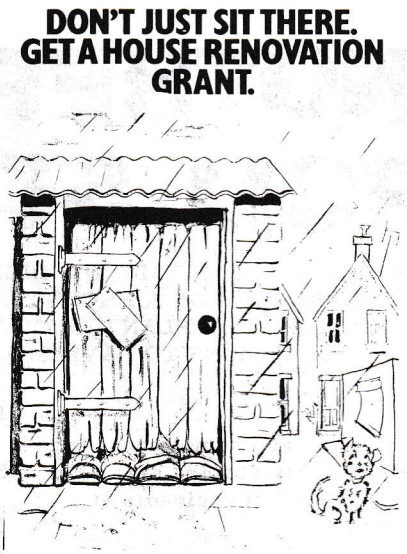
The Labour group in council are considering banning Tories from the powerful Policy and Resources committee altogether when they regain control of the council.
And when the tories get back? No Labour councillors on any committees? And when Labout gets back Guillotines.

IMAGES

A REGULAR LOOK AT THE WAY THE MEDIA FORCES US INTO RIGID STEREOTYPES

This is a Tameside leaflet using the old stereotype of the nagging wife and the unwilling husband. Amusing enough but implies women are incapable of applying for grants themselves.

It could have been done another way... Like this: Useless weedy male and unwilling wife. Simple role reversal, but in its way as bad as the first one.



So, how about this.... Still amusing, but the message is aimed at the men and women equally.

ABORTION NO ACTION

WOMEN IN TAMESIDE ARE STILL WAITING FOR AN OFFICIAL REACTION TO THEIR DEMANDS FOR A REINSTATEMENT OF A SAFE ABORTION SERVICE.

Despite the 1967 Abortion Act, NHS abortion facilities are not available everywhere in this country. Health service cuts and the activities of anti-abortion pressure groups such as SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child) and LIFE, backed by the Catholic Church, are responsible for this.

Thanks to the activity of SPUC, an advanced method of carrying out early abortions (mentrual aspiration) has been stopped in Tameside.

And, thanks to the inefficiency of Health service bureaucrats, it looks like staying stopped.

technique

Menstrual aspirations were carried out only 10-18 days after the women missed her period, so risks to her health were less than with a later abortion. No general anaesthetic was required, so the use of hospital facilities was minimised, and the woman was able to return home within about two hours of the abortion taking place.

loophole

About 20% of the women on whom menstrual aspirations werecarried out were not actually pregnant, because the abortions were carried out so early that pregnancies had not been confirmed by conventional methods.

Under the 1967 Act two doctors must complete a 'green form' notifying that an abortion will be performed for each woman he treats. This form refers to the 'pregnant woman'. By using the green form for the women who were not pregnant a doctor could be prosecuted under the Victorian 'Offences against the person Act' for attempting to abort women who are not pregnant or for false notification under the perjury act of 1911.

Anti abortionists got hold of this information in 1977 and exploited the situation. The doctor was in a Catch 22 situation.

eight month wait

Since then, over eight months, it has been very difficult for anyone to find out what is happening. The Community Health Council and Area Health Authority when approached by the Tameside National Abortion Campaign and the Tameside Trades Union Council refused to comment because the matter was 'subjudice', although no prosecution was pending. However, both these bodies did approach the Health Ministry in London, to be assured in May that the matter was under 'active consideration' and more recently that the DPP was preparing a ruling.

Although we would not want to see the doctor prosecuted in a court case at least this would have taken the matter out of the hands of the bureaucrats in London, whose deliberations could carry on for ever. The real sufferers, of course, are the women of Tameside. The availability of menstrual aspiration gave them some control over their bodies so they could decide if and when they wanted children

Tameside National Abortion Campaign which is sponsored by the Tameside Trades Council has been campaigning for the restoration of this service.

Contact is M. Bennett, 137 Rosehill Rd, Ashton-Under-Lyne

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PLASTICS

ANOTHER LEAK FROM STERLING

TAMESIDE EYE HAS OBTAINED A HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL STERLING MOULDINGS REPORT ON A RECENT STYRENE LEAK AT THE ACCIDENT PRONE CASTLE MILL PLANT IN STALYBRIDGE WHICH REVEALS SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO HAVE BEEN INADEQUATE. AN EYE EXCLUSIVE.

Sterling Mouldings are notorious in the Dukinfield/Stalybridge area for the frequency of accidents at their plants:-

Dec '76 leak of Styrene monomer from Castle Mill, Stalybridge.

June 26.'77. Overheating reactor at Castle Mill, residents evacuated, fire brigade called.

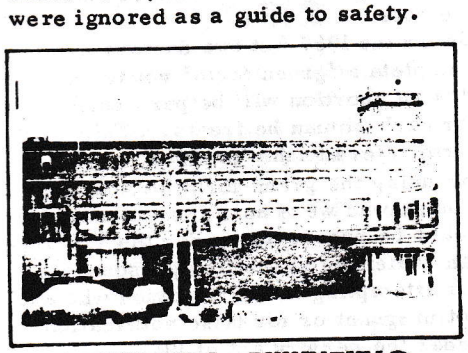
June 11. '78. Leak of 400 galls Styrene monomer from Castle Mill. into River Tame-poisonous and explosive fumes given off. Residents and neighbouring factory evacuated. Cause? 'Accident.'

June 20.'78 Emission of pungent fumes from Queen Mill, Dukinfield, causing nausea and vomiting, impaired breathing and eye irritation amongst residents. Cause? 'Faulty filter'

Aug.11.'78. Fire at Castle Mill. One of 12 silos caught fire and exploded whilst firemen were tackling it. 3 firemen hospitalised with skin irritation. Cause? 'Unknown.'

Sterling Mouldings claim publicly that the risks generated by their plants are minimal. Commenting on the most recent fire, Mr. John T. Mills, Managing Director, said he did not think there had been a real risk of a larger explosion (with 11 firm was safety conscious" but Tameside Eye has gained access to Sterling's confidential internal investigation into the Styrene leak of June 11th, which reveals a sad lack of safety consciousness. The report notes that the system of logging inspection of bund walls (through which the leak occurred) had 'lapsed'. It notes that the tank from which the leak occurred has now been fitted with a double valve system (had it, and the other tanks had double valved systems from the start then the leak could not have happened).

It notes that the high level of fumes indicated by a 'sniffer' gas detector was ignored by the Castle. Polymerisation Manager because he considered it inaccurate. - "I stated that the readings were too high and were not supported by the physiological effects expected at these levels (streaming eyes, nausea etc.) .....the readings were ignored as a guide to safety.



QUEEN MILL, DUKINFIELD

Why hasn't a safety conscious firm got equipment which can accurately monitor safety levels? ICL employees reported that they could smell styrene, which puts the level of fumes well above the government threshold limits of safety. Those fumes were potentially dangerous to health - yet no follow-up tests have been done on workers or

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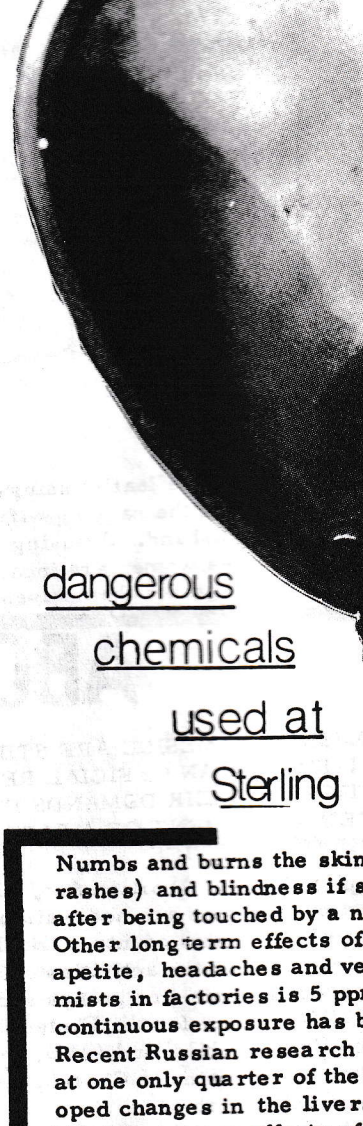

dangerous chemicals used at Sterling

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THREAT?

"I GARGLE WITH POISON"—CLAIM

A DECISION TO ALLOW ACCIDENT PRONE STERLING MOULDINGS TO BUILD A RESIN PLANT ON THEIR QUEEN MILL SITE AT DUKINFIELD, ONLY 30 YDS AWAY FROM A RESIDENTIAL ZONE, WAS PASSED BY TAMESIDE COUNCIL IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF LUDICROUS IGNORANCE AND CONFUSION. NOW ATTEMPTS TO REVOKE THAT DECISION COULD BE BLOCKED BY GIANT COMPENSATION CLAIMS.

The Sterling plan was first passed by the Planning Committee on which no Dukinfield Councillors sat.

After resident's protests the plan was reconsidered in full council and passed again by one vote (and it is reported that one councillor voted for it by mistake).

At this meeting Tory leader Colin Grantham picked up the official I.C.I. Shell and B.P. fact sheets supplied by worried residents, waved them in the air and denounced them as 'scare mongering claptrap provided by students.'

Councillor Abbey declared "I have washed my hands and gargled with phenol" (note effects of phenol - centre).

Mr. Graham Williams, secretary of the Residents Committee who was present at the council meeting comments - 'Quite clearly the majority of the councillors had not read the information before them.'

At the full council meeting even a spokesman for Environmental Health announced. 'These chemicals are not dangerous unless someone sets fire to them.'

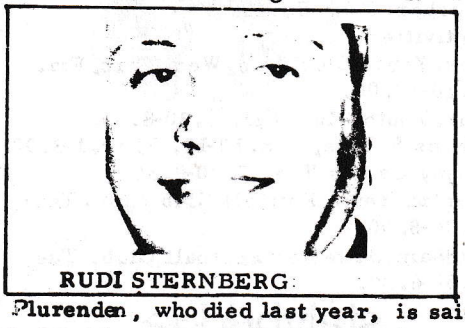
ignorance

It was in this atmosphere of ignorance and confusion that planning permission was granted.
Since then, thanks partly to Sterlings frequent leaks and fires, argument has raged over the decision. The Residents Committee took their case to the Ombudsman, who criticised Tameside but would not uphold their claim that the council was guilty of maladministration.

After heated discussion on the TV programme 'On Site' Cllr. Hatton (Dukinfield) announced his intention to raise the whole matter again in council. He has the support of several other councillors to do so. But the Residents Committee wonder if it could be discussed fairly now ? For, reports have it that IF planning permission were to be revoked Sterling could claim over one million pounds compensation.
If the council are wise enough to admit that they have made a mistake it could well be a costly one.

Sterling facts

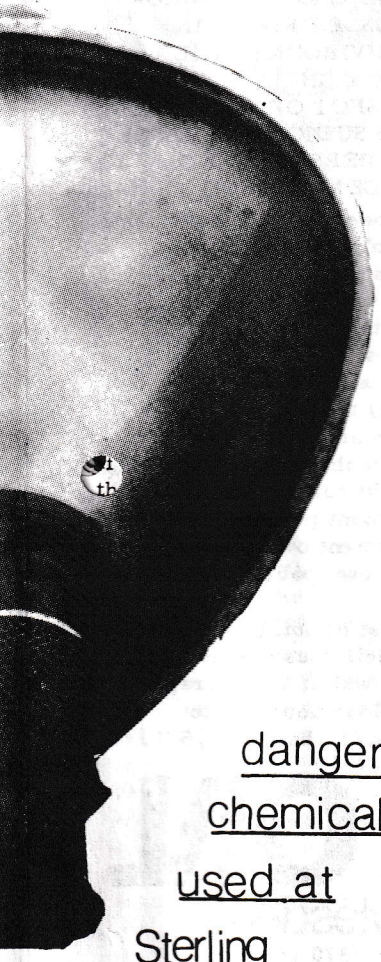
Sterling Mouldings is a trade name of the United Sterling Corporation, founded by the then Rudi Sternberge (before he changed his name to Baron Plurenden, after being made a life Peer)



RUDI STERNBERG

Plurenden, who died last year, is said to have been a contributor to Labour party funds and a personal friend of Harold Wilson.
The company's shares are held by "VSC (Holdings) Ltd" registered in the Channel Islands. 1974 profit after tax was £847,129.

SOURCES: Statement on 'Sterling Mouldings and the Public' by the British Society for Social Responsibility in Science, Manchester Branch, published Ashton Reporter 10/12/76; OCAW Health and Safety



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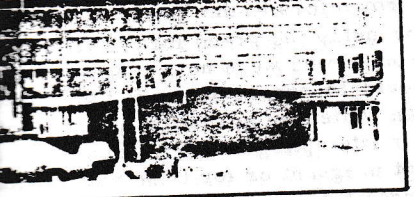

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AN EYE INVESTIGATION INTO THE MUCH-REPORTED ACCIDENTS AND CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING THE STERLING MOULDINGS GROUP

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Formaldehyde

Highly explosive especially in the presence of Methanol (used in plastics process). In its liquid form it can cause death or permanent injury.
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COMMUNITY INFO

Bottomley the Blighter

DESPITE VIGOUROUS CAMPAIGNING BY MOSSLEY RESIDENTS, 148 HOUSES IN MOSSLEY ARE STILL BLIGHTED BY THEIR INCLUSION IN TAMESIDE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH'S (THIS YEAR, NEXT YEAR SOMETIME, NEVER) INSPECTION LIST.

The list was drawn up in 1976 and then contained about 400 houses. All houses on the list were to be inspected by Environmental Health officers to see whether they were fit for human habitation. If unfit, they would be demolished. But, after going onto the list, the wait for some to be inspected was 3-4 years. During that wait, of course, blight descended and it was impossible to get improvement grants or sell or get mortgages on the houses.

own survey

Mossley Residents conducted their own survey and found that 94% were happy to continue living in their houses.

Many of these houses were in good condition (over half had bathrooms, and three quarters had inside toilets). So, Mossley Residents campaigned until the message finally got through and the Housing Committee instructed Mr. Bottomley (Chief Environmental Health Officer) to prepare a report.

reassessment

After surveying only 10% of the houses Bottomley recommended that the Inspection list be reduced BY MORE THAN HALF to 112 houses (148 including Mickelhurst)

Complaints have been answered with 'You must wait your turn. Other areas of Tameside are in more need.' Mossley residents know this and would be quite happy for Mr. Bottomley to go away and blight needier areas (after, of course, destroying the inspection list).

send your community information to tameside eye

Yet Again!

SIMILARLY SLAP HAPPY LISTING AND CONDEMNING HAS BEEN GOING ON IN MOSSLEY RD. AUL WHERE THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPT. IS INTENDING TO INDULGE IN A SPOT OF LEGALISED VANDALISM, ISSUING COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS, BUYING HOUSES THEN DEMOLISHING THEM.

Shelter's local secretary Helen Marks has given valuable support to the residents, and suggests that Tamesides decisions may be based on inadequate inspection - AGAIN!

An independant survey has shown at least two of the unfit houses (according to Tameside) to be fit.

Tameside Evnironmental Health's eagerness to demolish rather than improve is highly suspect in view of national government policy which favours improvement over rebuilding, and Tameside's own policy document which states:

"the average cost of building a three-bedroomed council house is now around £10,000 whilst the average cost of bringing an older house up to modern standards is below £3,500.

...AND WHATS ON.

YOUR CHANCE TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY CENTRE.

denton

Denton Youth & Community Centre (336 4881) Prestwich St. Denton.
Worker: John Burns.
Activities:
Snr. Youth Club. Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri. 7.30-10.00.
Jnr. Youth Club. Tue. 6.30-8.30.
Mums & Tots, Mon. 10-12. Thur. 1-3.00
Army Cadets Tue. 7.30-9.30
Denton Youth Football Club Mon, Thur 6.00-8.00.
Oldham Batteries Football Club. Tue 5.00-6.30.

stalybridge

Millbrook Youth & Community Centre. (338 3533) Grenville St. off Huddersfield Rd., Stalybridge.
Worker: Glenn Routledge.
Activities:
Snr. Youth Club. Tue, Thur. 7 -10.00
Jnr. Youth Club Mon, Fri. 6 - 7.30
Playgroup-Mon, Tue, Wed. 9.15-11.45
Janet Ollerenshaw c/o Centre.
Mums & Tots Wed. 2 - 4.00 Sue Cowley c/o Centre.
OAP's Club Tues. 2 -4.00 c/o Centre.
Sewing Class Wed. 8 - 10. Miss C. Penzer 142 Huddersfield Rd. Stalybrg.
Badminton Fri. 8 - 10.00 Ruth Roes
Ladies Keep fit. Mon 8 - 9.30 Mary Bradley c/o Centre.
Dance Classes. Sat 9.30-10.30 Marion Heuwood c/o Centre.
Under Nines Sat. Club - Sat. 2 - 4.00 Lillie Howard c/o Centre.

ashton

West End Community Centre (339 2728
Worker: Guy Heppner.
Activities:
Mums & Tots Tue, Wed. 9.30-11.30 Kath Nuttall, Ryecroft Cottage William St. AUL
Sunshine Club(OAPS) Tues. 2-4.00 contact Jessie c/o Centre.
Playscheme Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri. 3.30-6.30 Arlene Lomax 1 Hawthorn Grove AUL.
Claimants Union Thur 1.30.-4.00 Derek Pattison 64 Stephens Rd. Ridgehill, Stalybridge.
Youth Club Mon, Wed. 7 - 10.00
Arts & Crafts Tue. 7.30-9.30 Winnie Whiteside, 33 Trafalgar St.
M.I.N.D. Thur. 7.30-9.30 c/o centre.
Whist Club. Thur, Sat. 7.30-9.30.
Karate Club. Sun 10.-12.00 J. Dransfield c/o Centre.
Indian Youth Group Sat. 2.00 contact

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Fairfield Centre (370 1383)
Grove St. Droylesden.
Worker: Ernie Mellor.
Activities:
Mums & Tots. Mon. 1.30-4.00. Julie Dickson c/o Centre.
Snr. Youth Club. Mon, Wed, Thur. 8.00-10.00
Jnr. Youth Club Mon & Wed. 5.45-6.40.
Over 60's Club. Thur. 2 - 4.00. Harold Bostock, 40 Field St. Droy'den.
Reading Club Tue. 7.00-9.00. Barbara Burges, Warrington Hse, Church St. Ashton U Lyne.
Badminton. Tue. 7 - 10. Contact Centre.
Handicapped Club. Wed. 1.30-4.00 Roy Redman contact at Centre.
Ladies keep fit. Wed. 8. -10. Jean Watson c/o Centre.
Old Tyme Dance. Thur. 2 - 4.00 Alf Thompson, 38 The Square, Fairfield.
Photographic Soc. Fri. 7. -10.00 Arthur Cook, 47 Cornwall Rd. Droy.
Dance Class. Sat a.m. Ann Coll, c/o Centre.
Football and other sports organised by Youth Club on Sats.
Playgroup. Mon-Fri. 9-12.00 Susan Chadwick c/o Centre.
Friday Night Club (Psychiatric help) 7 - 9.00 Tom Coldwell, 45 Waverly

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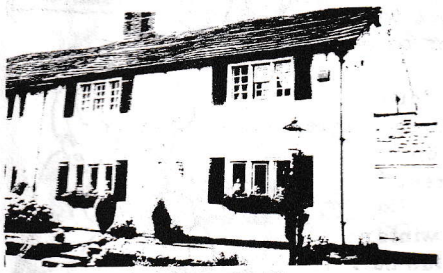

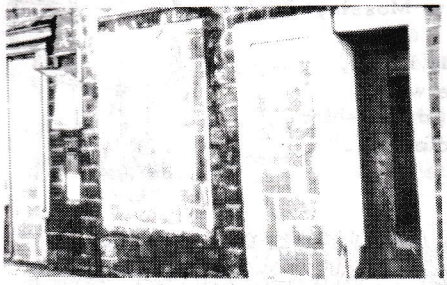

reality or publicity ?

If you run out of good fiction to read this weekend try and get hold of the new 60 page, completely free, glossy booklet produced by Tameside's publicity department to attract businessmen and investors to the area. The section on housing, for example, has only one tiny black and white photograph of high rise council flats but no less than four full-colour photos of classy private housing and old cottages in Mottram. There are no photos of Tameside's many areas of appalling dereliction and poor housing, not a sign of litter strewn street anywhere. Those poor business men are going to get a shock when they drive into Tameside for the first time!

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If you were wondering how the moribund hacks in the Ashton Labour party manage to stagger from one election to the next without bothering to recruit new members or collect subs. here's the answer: local M. P. the Rt. Hon. Robert Sheldon slips them the odd £200 donation!

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A party of 30 odd Tameside young Tories went all the way down to London the other weekend to protest against Soviet oppression in Czechoslovakia, at a rally addressed by those well-known freedom fighters Dr. Rhodes (Che) Boyson and Sir Keith (Mau Mau) Joseph. Nice to see our young Tories taking an interest but I wonder if we can now expect to see them demonstrating against capitalist oppression in, say, South Africa or Chile ? Hmm!

Now, on the other hand, the Tameside Left-invetorate demonstrators against capitalist oppression-were conspicuously absent at both of the two anti-Soviet demos in London, even though several of them were already in London at a Brick Lane rallev against the N.F.

MASTER RACE LOSE~ 10-0!

THE NATIONAL FRONT FOOTBALL TEAM GOT OFF TO A FIGHTING START IN THE HYDE AND DISTRICT SUNDAY LEAGUE WITH A 10 - 0 DEFEAT AT THE HANDS OF A LOCAL PUB TEAM. ALL THE MATCHES SO FAR PLAYED BY THE FOOTBALLING NAZIS HAVE SEEN OFF-THE-PITCH VIOLENCE AND POLITICAL CONFRONTATION WHICH MAKE NONSENSE OF THEIR LOCAL FUHRER'S CLAIM THAT THEY ARE IN IT JUST FOR THE SPORT.....

At the first match on 3rd Sept. on Richmond St. playing fields, Ashton, about 15 local anti-fascists protested with leaflets. The National Front was supported by 150 members from all over Manchester. There were several ugly scenes and a young demonstrator from the West End of Ashton was kicked and beaten and required medical attention.

more trouble

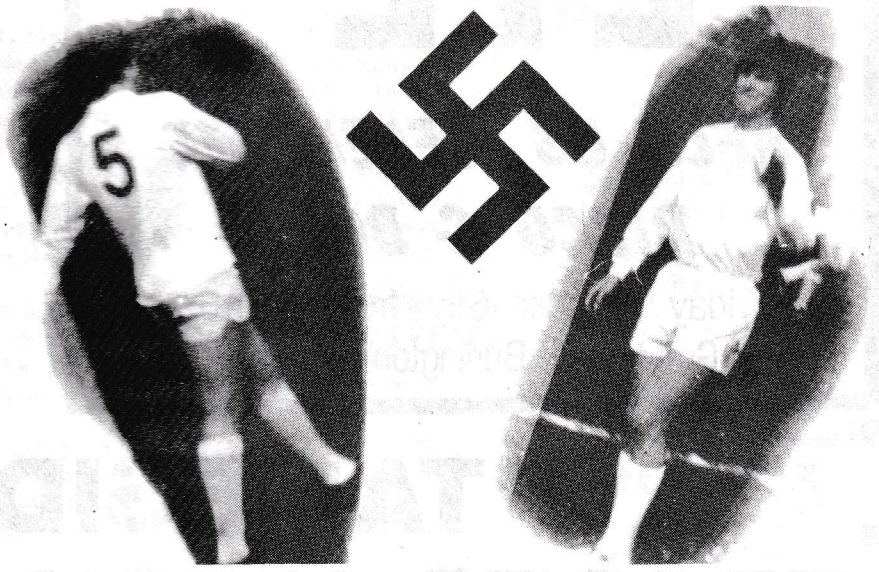
At the second match, played a week later, in Dukinfield both the anti-fascists and the N.F. were there in force. Attempts to peacefully disrupt the game resulted in a large-scale scuffle in which people on both sides were badly hurt. At one point the referee, a national front supporter himself, shoulder charged a female demonstrator into the goal mouth and hit her twice in the face.

At the start of the match there had been only one policeman there, by the end there were fifty, some in plain clothes.

The massive publicity given to the N.F. team by the Reporter group of newspapers stressed that the N.F. were simply out to have a bit of Sunday sport, but gave little emphasis to statements made by local N.F. organiser, Frank Dawber, that non-party players would be asked to join after three months. A clear indication that the team would be used as a recruiting platform.

ban them

A spokesman for the Tameside Campaign against Racism and Fascism said that they were asking to send a speaker to a meeting of the league to get the decision to admit the N.F. reversed. "We are asking the other teams to support this move and have been pleased with the positive response received from the Stamford



Arms team, who the N.F. played on Sunday 10th Sept.

THE MOTIVES BEHIND THE FORMATION OF THE N.F. TEAM CLEARLY GO BEYOND THE SIMPLE DESIRE TO HAVE A BIT OF FUN ON A SUNDAY. BY PLAYING FOOTBALL, AND MORE IMPORTANT BEING PICTURED AND REPORTED IN NEWSPAPERS PLAYING FOOTBALL AGAINST ORDINARY TEAMS, THE N.F. LEGITIMIZE THEMSELVES IN THE EYES OF THE PUBLIC, GAIN VALUABLE PUBLICITY AND ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS. NOTHING THE N.F. DOES IS A-POLITICAL.

Mossley 1979 ? poem by Robin Thornber

There's an old Pennine mill town called Mossley,
renowned for its brass bands and beer,
Where folk will recall 1979
as a truly remarkable year.
It started off wrung, in January-
the usual start for most years-
With a portentous, ominous happening
that confirmed folk in their worst fears.

The Department of Underemployment
was shedding a few surplus staff.
They made t'whole Mossley office redundant
and they ran to the bank with a laugh.
A spokesman said: "Mossley's not viable;
There's not much for our lads to do.
But don't hope for a lifetime of scrounging
We're closing the dole office too.

In July they shut down t'Post Office,
and though we all made quite a fuss,
They said: "Travel to Ashton for pensions-
it's nobut ten bob on t'bus.
It'll soon cost you that for a letter,
and we're sure that you'll all soon agree
Thepost office there is still open
from eleven o'clock until three."

November: the dark days of winter-
no more ale in the cricket club hut.
The last blow was dealt out to Mossley:
the cemetary shut.
And as we were t'last people living,
a spokesman told me and the wife:
"When you're ready to die, go to Ashton
as folk do when they're tired of life."

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What's on

Theatre

Tameside Theatre

Oldham Rd. AUL. For details of seat prices tel: 308 3223.
Sun 17 Sept. 7.45p.m. 'The Charlie Williams Show

Tue. 19 Sept. 7.45p.m. for 5 days 'Worm's Eye View'. World War II comedy set in RAF camp with Michael Robbins (On the Buses)

Sun 24 Sept. 7.45 p.m. 'Wingate Temperance Band'

Wed 27 Sept. 7.30p.m. Mike Harding in concert

Thur 28 Sept. 6.45 p.m. Elvis Presley double bill 'King Creole' and 'Paradise Hawaian Style'

Fri 29 Sept 7.30p.m. 'British Country Show' with Poacher, Mel Hague, Duffey Bros, Buff Country Band

Sat 30 Sept 7.45p.m. 'An Evening with Viv (spend, spend, spend) Nicholson. Viv Nicholson bursts upon us. In case you hadn't heard, Viv went through £152,000 like a dose of salts after her husband Keith scooped a pools win in 1961. Viv, from Castleton, plans to entertain us with the story of her life and loves. Cllr. Meredith has declared that the event should be cancelled saying we should not 'waste good money buying tickets.' He may be right, but for a different reason: Viv has been ordered to keep her reminiscences clean. She will answer audience questions about her life, 'but she won't be answering anything that is blue or naughty!' So, I suppose there's not much point in me going!

Tameside Theatre cont'd
Sun 1 Oct. Horror double bill 'Nightmare in Wax' (X) and 'Blood from Dracula's Castle' (X)

Tue 3 Oct. 7.45 p.m. Dubliners in concert

Wed 4 Oct. 7.30 p.m. Alexandra Roy London Ballet

Thur 5 Oct. 7.45p.m. Barbara Dickson in concert

Mon 9 Oct. 7.45p.m. Raving Rupert

Sat 14 Oct. 7.45p.m. The Paul Daniels show

Sun 15 Oct. 7.45 p.m. 'The Real Thing' in concert.

Tue 17 Oct. 7.30p.m. for 5 nights 'Suddenly at Home' by Francis Durbridge starring Douglas Fielding (Sgt. Quilley of Z cars)

Sun 22 Oct. 7.45 p.m. "World of Ivor Novello"

Mon 23 Oct. 7.0p.m. for 6 days 'Snow White' panto matinees on Wed, Thur, Sat. at 2.30 p.m.

Mon 30 Oct. 7.15.p.m. for 6 days 'Showboat' by the Dukinfield Amateur Operatic Society.

Spanner

Spanner, stronger than ever following the successful national campaign to reinstate their N.W.A. grant are now devising an exciting new show. This is to be opened down at their old home, the West End Community Centre, John St. AUL on Friday 13th Oct. a lucky night for some! An evening to remember (starting at 8) plus bar, food, all for 30p. Tickets available on door (dont be late, Spanner nights in the West End are always packed) or from the Community centre. All proceeds to Tameside Play Council.

Beer

You can't do a truly comprehensive review of Tameside pubs. For one thing, the dear old place is such a vast sprawl. Life is too short to drink your way through it! and, 'comprehensive' is a funny word to bandy about in Tameside, after all, So, if you've got to be selective (whoops) where do you start?
A strong candidate is 'The Globe', Globe Square, at the Dukinfield end of Shepley Rd. It's being decorated at the moment and will not be its best for a week or two; the aroma of paint plays havoc with the bouquet; Once the pong disperses, however, this spruced up Free house on the border of Audenshaw and Dukinfield is sure to be a firm favourite. It's main attraction is some fine ale-Pollards and Tetley's mild and bitter, handpumps. It has a pool table and enough space to get away from this if you're not interested. Food is served, evenings as well. There's a juke box (rating: just possible to hold a normal conversation with it playing!) Those who like their beer rippling with decibels will be disappointed.
Apparently, the pub is very busy at lunchtimes, whilst weekday evenings offer a rare opportunity to savour an excellent pint with elbow room to spare. Car parking is fairly convenient and there's a bus stop on the doorstep. Mind the wet paint!

Partington Players

Playhouse, Henry St. Glossop
Oct 10-13 'Two and Two make sex'
Other productions Nov 28-Dec 2. Ring Barry Rogers for details 455-4965

Pub rock

Commercial Hotel, Melbourne St. Stalybridge
Thurs, Fri.

Globe Hotel Old St. AUL
Fri, Sat. Sun dinner/night.

Birch Hotel, Birch St. AUL
Mon, Tue, Wed.

Spreadeagle Stamford St. AUL. Roger Read sound.
Wed, Fri, Sat.
Jazz night Thurs 'Fourplay'

Meetings

Glossop Womens Voice
Contact Carol Glossop 64287. Every other Tues evg.

SPANNER AT WORK

Cinema

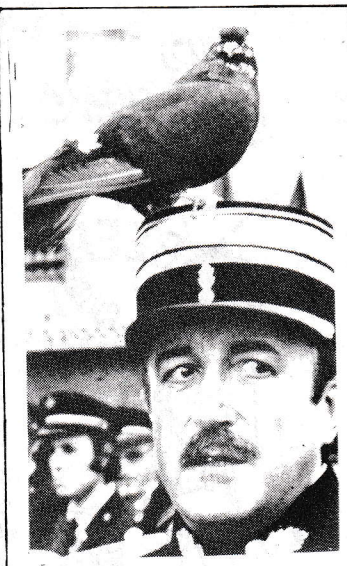
Odeon Old St. Ashton 330-1993 'til end of Sept.
'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' (A)
Oct. 1 for 2 weeks.
'Revenge of the pink panther (A)
Oct 15. 'Thank God it's Friday' (A)

Palace Cinema, Market St. Stalybridge. 338 2156
From 17 Sept. 'Bilitis'(X)
'You're driving me crazy' (X)

'International Velvet'

REVIEW

A follow up to 'National Velvet' this features an offspring of the Grand National winner, who partnered by Tatum O' Neal attempts to win a gold medal for the Olympic 3-day event competition, including dressage, cross-country and show jumping, a task made easier due to the fact that the Americans and Germans seem prey to a mysterious attack of clumsiness in this picture, and knock over rather a lot of fences.
The actual competition scenes are realistic, suggesting the courage it takes to ride, especially in the arduous cross country section.



PETER SELLERS AND FRIEND IN "REVENGE OF THE PINK PANTHER"

Antony Hopkins (swoon) was best, as the caustic Olympic team manager, otherwise the film was a bit sugary at the end. If you are thinking of taking the kids (it's an A) there are two harrowing scenes: one a fatally explosive and burning car, and a hysterical horse on board a transport plane that has to be shot. Come back Princess Anne.....

Lindsay Fursland.

International Velvet is on in the city centre but should be doing the rounds soon.

Visual Arts

EXHIBITIONS.

Oldham Art Gallery
Sept 9 - Oct 7. 'Machines & Men' paintings by Edna Lumb

Hyde Library 'til 27 Sept.
'Energy from the Atom' photos, models etc. (presented by British Nuclear Fuels).
2 Oct-10Nov.
'Dream Time Heroes' Interesting exhibition of aboriginal culture and artifacts, weapons, magic, shrunken heads from other Australasian & pacific communities. well worth a visit.

Mossley Library.
Mon 4 Sept. for 3 weeks
'Up the Lilywhites'
Exhibition of and by Mossley Football club.

Glossop Centre.
Opening Mons. 10am-9pm
Sats. 10am - 12.00
Linda Hodgkinson - one-man show 25 Sept.-6th Oct.
Glynis Lawton one-man show 9 Oct - 20th Oct.

Rochdale Art Gallery, The Esplanade, Rochdale.
Tel: 47474 Ex.269.
Open Mon-Sat 10-5 Sun. 2.30-5p.m.

Astley Cheetham Art Gallery Trinity St. Stalybridge. 338-3831.
5 Sept-30 Sep. 'Textiles Art Group' Ex M/cr. Poly. Textile graduates stage their 2nd embroidery Exh. Majority of items for sale. commissions undertaken.

19-30 Sept. (Tue-Fri 1-8pm) (Sat 9 - 4 p.m.) 'Clog Morris' Photographs by John Cunliffe Clog dancing outside gallery on Sat 23rd. 11am & 1pm. Exh. of photos of a cloggies life (Wrigley Head Morris dancers) - John Cunliffe toured with the group in '77. Formerly exh. photos entitled 'Old Smithfield Market' in '74. Shown at New Market Gorton.

Sept. 1-Oct. 1. Interior Motives.
The exhibition features the six prizewinners of a competition sponsored by Crown Wallpapers and the Contemporary Art Society together with commended entries.

Sept2 - Oct. 29. 'All the year round'
A photographic memory of how things used to be: an evocation of Rochdale families on special occasions, festivals, holidays, outings etc.
Oct. 6 - 29. Mike Exall & Sheila Tilmouth, paintings.

Detail from "Divided Reflections on a Transitory Plane" by John Ross, one of the joint prizewinners in the "Interior Motives" competition.

Kids Events

free listings!
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Tameside Libraries and Arts: National Childrens Book week. 30th Sept.-7th Oct. for further information contact Christine Kloett, Young people's services centre, Jowetts Walk, AUL.

Sports and Games week in Ashton district libraries (Ashton, Mossley, Hurst, King St, Micklehurst, Waterloo) design your own football club or gymnastics club badge, for children 7-9 years.

Wombles week at Droylesden, Nursery Rhyme week. in Denton district libraries Grand humpty dumpty party for 4-9 year olds at:
Haughton Green library on Tue. 3rd Oct. 4-5p.m.
Denton library on Wed. 4th 4 - 5 p.m.
West End Library on Thur 5th 4 - 5 p.m
Stories, Rhymes, craft work, games, quizes and competitions too. Entry forms from libraries.

Fairy Tale week. in Stalybridge district libraries. Stalybridge, Dukinfield, Ridge Hill, Cheetham Hill, Millbrook, competitions with prizes.

Wed 4th Oct 1.30p.m. Meet the Artist Svend Otto at the Astley Cheetham Art Gallery Stalybridge. Famous Danish artist who has illustrated many picture book versions of fairy tales.

Thur Oct. 5th 11 a.m. Meet the Author Jan Needle at Hattersley Library. Living in Saddleworth J. Needle has written; 'Albeson and the Germans' 'My mate Shofiq'

Music

Classical

Whitfield Music Festival held at St. James, the Great Parish Church, Whitfield, Glossop.
Sat. 23 Sept. 7.30 Moray Welsh (Cello) and Anthony Goldstone (piano)

Sat 30 Sept. 7.30. Royal Northern College of music Orchestra (Cond. Timothy Reynish)
Sat 7 Oct 7.30 Glossop School band (cond. Jack Fletcher)
Sat 14 Oct 7.30 Jennifer Bate (organ) and Brian Wiggins (trumpet)
Sat 21 Oct 7.30 St. Thomas Singers (cond. Arthur Brook)
Sat 28 Oct 7.30 Michael Davis (violin) and John Wilson (piano)

Record Recitals (all admission free/no tickets required)
Denton Library (all at 7.30)
'Folk Night' Wed. 27 Sept. featuring music of Ralph McTell, John Denver, Judy Collins and others.
'Land of the midnight sun' Wed. 18th Oct. music of Greig and Sibelius.

Ryecroft Hall Library (at 7.30) Wed. 11th Oct.
'A Russian Night.'

Rock RECORD REVIEW

THE WHO 'WHO ARE YOU' Polydor.
Surprisingly enough, in the 13 or 14 years of this group's existence this is only their ninth album. That is nine not counting 'best ofs' and outtakes (odds and sods) and that, to me, seems an amazingly small output.
Of course, if they had released more albums (15 or 16 would have been an equivalent of, say, the Beach Boys or Stones) we would have realised that they did not really progress very much with each L. P.
That is not to say this album isn't any different, it is. It's more crisp a production than I've heard before (excepting 'who's next' to which this album is very similar. The sound is much more 3-dimensional than the last one (Who by numbers). This could have a lot to do with the dominance of the synthesizer in comparison with the guitar, bass, drum and piano overdubs (by Nicky Hopkins of the last record)
The strings shook me as well. I don't think I've heard the Who with strings before and I don't want to again.
Going back to "The Who by Numbers" where the dominant feature on this was old age, disillusionment, failure, alcoholism etc. there is no particular theme on here apart from the need for change (although not really fulfilling the need on the disc).
Do we want them to change though? Do we want Pete Townsend to get rid of his by now familiar power chording technique (still there but a bit more controlled, although everything seemed controlled after 'My Generation').
But, where you felt 'My Generation' in the gut, you just think this one's good. The single and of course the title track is excellent, the best since 'Magic Bus' and that includes 'Pinball Wizard'. It doesn't quite hit you in the guts, but you feel it!
Pete Townsend wrote six of the nine tracks, John Entwistle writing the others, although only doing lead vocal on one of them.
Andy Fairweather Lowe & Rod Argent sit in on some of the tracks doing backing vocals and keyboards respectively. Ted Astley does the strings and altogether it's a very satisfying album.

Mick Lomas

Folk

For those fortunate few with plenty of time, money energy (and inclination) it's possible to spend every evening in a Tameside Folk Club. So for anyone who can muster the enthusiasm, here's Tameside Eye's guide to spending your evenings studying the finer points of our folk music heritage (and getting drunk).
Sunday
Rose & Crown, Stalybridge. One of Tameside's longest running folk clubs and good value too since it's free. Sunday night is singer's night, so if you are feeling extrovert, get up and sing.
Monday
White Gates, Hyde. Owned by the Campaign for real Ale (CAMRA) so the beer's great! If you can drag yourself away from the bar the music's good too.
Tuesday
The Clarence, Ashton. A brand new club in the folk music desert of Ashton- it's got to be good!
Wednesday
Cross Keys, Uppermill. O.K. so it's not in Tameside - it's well worth going out into the wilds to enjoy the warm atmosphere of 'Buckleys Kitchen.'
Thursday
Commercial, Glossop. Run by Terry Walsh. This is a basically traditional club with a nice line in corn dollies in the interval
Friday
Rose and Crown, Stalybg. Again. A very popular night at a popular club. Go early to get in.
Saturday
Stalybridge Railway Stn.. Buffet. cramped but cosy, watch out for the ten o'clock to Sheffield!

Gossip

Anew club started at the Clarence Hotel, St. Michael Sq. Ashton, on Tuesday 5th Sept. organised by Mike Riley and Alan Phillips. Held in smallish room with bar and small stage. Notes made on the night:- Mainly singers club & good night out-room had a comfortable feel about it. Bass Charrington pub, nice pint of Stones bitter. 3-star toilets- ladies at least, I can't vouch for the gents'. No shortage of singer and audience participation. Guy called Stewed Willie (honest!) rendered or rended a version of 'Holland's meat pies' crediting it to Bob Williamson- wonder what Les Barker thinks about all that? All in all a good night with Mike Riley wandering around like an animated toby jug.

Any local bands who could make use of an itinerant bass player contact Graham Buckley (of Biggles Wartime Band) on 368 8769. He tells me he is committed (I think that's the word he used) every weekend but he and his instrument are available midweek. Not to be recommended for clubs with low ceilings.

STAND AND DELIVER
Poetry, Music, Wit.
with Ian Dagger, Mike Rooke & Paul Taylor.
At the Highland Laddie Old St, Ashton. Sunday 1st Oct. and Sun 22nd Oct. Boddies Bitter. Upstairs bar open 8 p.m.

For those who would like to enjoy themselves in a good cause - 26th Oct. 8-IIpm Charity Concert organised by Age Concern all proceeds to go towards a minibus to be used to take old people to Hospital etc. Taking part -
Tom Shepleys Band
Potters Hey
Stan Ellison
Compere - Matt Fahey
At the festival Hall, Pool St, Denton.
Licensed bar.

Club organisers, or any one with news for publication phone 308 4157 between 10am and 5pm or call in at "Focal Point" 10, Clarence Arcade AUL.

Jazz

At the Palatine Inn, Hadfield. Contact Victor Hickling Shaw Farm, Shawfield, Hadfield for details.

STARLAW

A FURIOUS BATTLE TAKES PLACE IN THE GOLAR-NEMIS STAR SYSTEM....

ON THE BRIDGE OF G.S. DEFIANT, COMMANDER TORAK OF THE MIGHTY INTERSTELLAR SCORPION TASK FORCE, LAUGHED CLEEFULLY AS HIS SQUADRON SMASHED THE NUAREN SPACE FLEET TO PULP....

HA! HA! LOOK PIETRO! SEE HOW THE NUAREN SCUM DIE!

INDEED COMMANDER! WHEN WILL THAT REBEL FILTH LEARN THAT WE ARE THE LAW OF THE GALAXY?

YES.... THE SCORPION FLEET WAS THE POWERFUL AND EVIL TOY OF SUPREME COSMOLORD TESSARO, MAD RULER OF THE UNIVERSE! THE SCORPION FLEET WAS THE LAW AND OPPRESSOR OF MANY OTHER PEACEFUL AND BEAUTIFUL PLANETS.... BEAUTIFUL BUT FOR THE MILES AND MILES OF TORTURED SCORCHED GROUND AND THE CORPSES OF THE MILLIONS WHO DARED DEFY THE TYRANNY OF THIS INSANE RULER....

THE TINY DAMAGED SHIP COULD STILL MANOEVER QUITE SPRITELY AS IT ZIG-ZAGGED BETWEEN THE HUGE BATTLE CRUISERS AND INTO SAFETY....

YET THERE ARE THOSE WHO STILL FIGHT BACK, EVEN THOUGH HOPE SEEMS LOST FOREVER.... DERREN LORRIS WAS ONE OF THIS BREED! BORN OF EARTHLY FATHER AND NUAREN MOTHER, HE HAD SWORN TO DESTROY THE EVIL SCORPION EMPIRE, BUT AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME IT SEEMS ALL HIS AMBITIONS ARE TO BE DASHED IN MERE SECONDS....

DAMMN! THE SHIPS BEEN HIT!

THERES A SMALL PLANET IN THE NEXT QUADRENT! IF WE CAN SHAKE OFF THAT BATTLE CRUISER, WE COULD MAKE IT!

WERE APPROACHING AT WARP FACTOR THREE! GET READY FOR A BUMPY LANDING!

CRASH!

INSIDE THE MANGLED SPACECRAFT, DERREN AND HIS NUAREN NAVIGATOR TEERA WERE MIRACULOUSLY UNHARMED....

C'MON! LETS GET OUT BEFORE THE WHOLE DAMMN THING GOES UP IN SMOKE!

BOOOM!

ANYTHING BROKEN?

NO, I JUST BANGED MY KNEE! WHATS MORE IMPORTANT IS WE WERE FOLLOWED! LOOK!

SCORPION SCOUT CRAFT! STAY DOWN! IF THEY SEE THE WRECK THEY MIGHT ASSUME WE DIED IN THE CRASH!

NO SIGN OF MOVEMENT! THEY PROBABLY BOUGHT IT!

OKAY! RETURN TO THE MOTHER SHIP!